Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Life can change in a second; and,

Whereas, The business of social work is helping people manage change; and,

Whereas, Professional social workers use their education, training, and commitment to make a real difference in the lives of people; and,

Whereas, Professional social workers are found in the most amazing places, including courts, mental health centers, managed care companies, state and federal legislatures, schools, child welfare agencies, nursing homes, assisted living facilities, employee assistance programs, and public and private agencies; and,

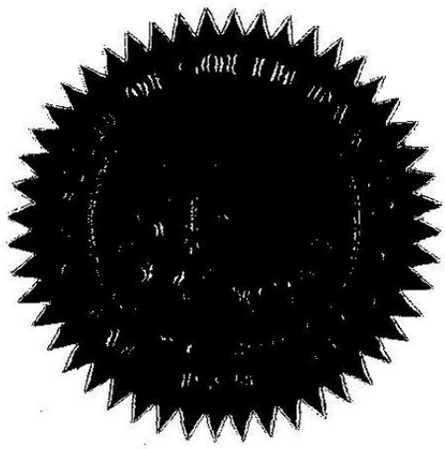
Whereas, Employers hire professional social workers because they provide compassionate services that also make good business sense; and,

Whereas, Professional social workers help individuals, families, and children cope with problems and prevent trouble, saving the community and the taxpayers in the long run:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim March 2004 as

PROFESSIONAL SOCIAL WORK MONTH

in South Dakota, and I call upon members of the community to join with the South Dakota Health Care Association and South Dakota Assisted Living Association in celebration and support of social workers and the social work profession.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Sixth Day of February in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Four.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State